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24 MAY 73 FROM KARACHI, REPEATED YOU:

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SUBJECT: MENGAL RESPONDS TO GOVERNMENT ATTACKS

REFS: A) KARACHI 0817 B) KARACHI A-39, MAY 12, 1973

C) ISLAMABAD 4225

1. IN LENGTHY PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED KARACHI MAY 23, FORMER BALUCHISTAN CHIEF MINISTER ATAULLAH KHAN MENGAL ACCUSED BUGTI PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND PPP OF TWO-PRONGED ATTACK AGAINST DEMOCRACY IN BALUCHISTAN. MENGAL ALLEGED THAT " FEVERISH ATTEMPTS TO SAVE MR. AKBAR BUGTI AND HIS ILLEGAL GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVINCE" WERE ABETTED BY PRESIDENT HIMSELF. HE WARNED THAT RULING PARTY APPEARED TO BE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLE OF " CASTING AWAY THE PROVINCES IN WHICH IT CANNOT CLAIM MAJORITY" AND RECALLED THAT THIS

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PATH HAD LED TO LOSS OF EAST PAKISTAN.

2. SPECIFICALLY, MENGAL SAID EFFORTS TO SUBVERT LOYALTY OF NAP/ JUI ADHERENTS WERE BEING MADE BOTH IN QUETTA AND ISLAMABAD, WITH NAP MPA' S MRS. FAZILA ALIANI, AGHA ABDUL KARIM, AND NAWABZADA SHER ALI PUT UNDER PARTICULAR PRESSURE. (SEE REF B, PAGES 5-6 FOR FURTHER REFERENCE TO MPA ALIANI, WHOSE BROTHER HAD BEEN SENT ON PAID LEAVE FROM KARACHI AMERICAN FIRMAFTER PRESSURE FROM SIND GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. BROTHER RESUMED WORK ON MAY 18 AND FIRM REPORTS NO REPERCUSSIONS THUS FAR.) MENGAL STATEMENT ALLEGED THAT LATEST SUBVERSION ATTEMPT MADE BY GOVERNOR BUGTI HIMSELF ON HIS OWN BROTHER, NAP MPA AHMED NAWAZ BUGTI. ACCORDING TO MENGAL, AKBAR TOLD AHMED NAWAZ THAT HE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN HIS BROTHER AND NAP, FOR " HE (AKBAR) HAD DECIDED TO FIGHT IT OUT WITH NAP, COME WHAT MAY". AHMED NAWAZ GIVFQ THREE CHOICES: JOIN BROTHER, RESIGN FROM ASSEMBLY, OR REMAIN NEUTRAL. ACCORDING MENGAL, AHMED NAWAZ " REFUSED TO BE BROWBEATEN AND RESOLUTELY OPTED TO STAY WITH THE NAP THROUGH THICK AND THIN." MENGAL PAID TRIBUTE TO HIS NAP COLLEAGUES FOR STANDING FIRM UNDER PRESSURE.

3. PRESS STATEMENT ALSO ACCUSED PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BLOCKADING AREAS OF PROVINCE, DENYING FOOD AND WATER TO INHABITANTS, AND ENGAGING IN ARMED OPERATIONS, EVEN INCLUDING AERIAL STRAFING " UNDER ORDERS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT".

4. COMMENT: APPEARS PROBABLE MENGAL STATEMENT HAD TWIN AIMS: TO PROVIDE NAP EXPLANATION AND RESPONSE TO MAY 22 ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ISLAMABAD (WHICH MENGAL DID NOT RPT NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION, HOWEVER) THAT TROOPS IN BALUCHISTAN BEING REINFORCED, (REF C) AND TO SHORE UP MORALE AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES. PERHAPS MENGAL FELT THAT REVEALING PRESSURES PUT ON VARIOUBSAAP SUPPORTERS WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM NOT TO SUCCUMB-- OR MORE EMBARRASSING TO BUGTI/ BHUTTO IF THEY DO.
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